

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

Support for amended claims 22 and 23 can be found on page 21, lines 3-6. Claim 3 has been amended to correct some typographical errors.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and arguments.

It is respectfully urged that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

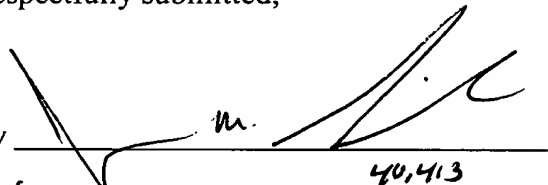
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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3. (Twice Amended) An isolated DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1; or a DNA hybridizing with the DNA having a complementary nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 at **[65C] 65°C** in the presence of 0.7 to 1.0M sodium chloride and encoding a protein which confers an ability to grow in a medium containing 1% polypeptone, 0.5% yeast extract, 0.5% sodium chloride, 0.1% glucose, 20 µg/ml thiamine and 100 µg/ml lysozyme to a microorganism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, wherein the hybridization further includes a step of washing under the condition of **[65C] 65°C** by the use of solution containing 15 to 300 mM sodium chloride and 1.5 to 30 mM sodium citrate.

22. (Amended) The DNA according to claim 3, wherein the microorganism is a mutant stain of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* which cannot grow in a medium containing 1% polypeptone, 0.5% yeast extract, 0.5% sodium chloride, 0.1% glucose, 20 µg/ml thiamine and 50 µg/ml lysozyme **[protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme sensitive organism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100 µg/ml lysozyme to a mutant belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and having a sensitivity of not more than 50 µg/ml lysozyme]**.

23. (Amended) The DNA according to claim 4, wherein the microorganism is a mutant stain of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* which cannot grow in a medium containing 1% polypeptone, 0.5% yeast extract, 0.5% sodium chloride, 0.1% glucose, 20 µg/ml thiamine and 50 µg/ml lysozyme **[protein which has an activity of giving a lysozyme insensitivity to a lysozyme sensitive organism belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* is a protein having an activity of giving an insensitivity to 100 µg/ml lysozyme to a mutant belonging to *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and having a sensitivity of not more than 50 µg/ml lysozyme]**.

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